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AND STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF THE UN (SOR)

SUMMARY: DEBATE ON ITEMS CONTINUED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, WITH
INTERVENTIONS BY GDR, PHILIPPINES, MONGOLIA, BRAZIL, BULGARIA,
SIERRA LEONE AND KUWAIT. END SUMMARY

1. GDR, MONGOLIAN AND BULGARIAN DELS RECAPITULATED SOVIET
LINE ON CHARTER REVISION. IN ADDITION, MONGOLIAN DEL QUESTIONED
UTILITY OF CONVENING AD HOC COMITE NEXT YEAR.

2. PHILIPPINE STATEMENT (COPY POUCHED L/UNA-STOWE) WAS DELIVERED
BY FONMIN ROLULO. HE STATED GREAT NUMBER DELS HAVE AGREED
THAT REVIEW AND UPDATING CHARTER SHOULD NOT BE DEFERRED, AND
ESTABLISHMENT AD HOC COMITE WAS REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT FACT.
WHILE HE REGARDED MUCH DEBATE THAT HAD OCCURRED IN AD HOC COMITE
AS CONSTRUCTIVE, SOME DELS IN COMITE HAD CHOSEN TO ACT IN
OBSTRUCTIONIST MANNER. HE BELIEVED THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO SUBVERT
THE AD HOC COMITE SHOULD BE REGARDED AS EFFORT OF FEW TO
FRUITSTRATE WILL OF MAJORITY. HE ALSO CRITICIZED THE DOCUMENTATION
PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE AD HOC COMITE. HE STATED
SECRETARIAT SHOULD PROVIDE MEANINGFUL ANALYTIC REPORT FOR NEXT
AD HOC COMITE SESSION, AND WOULD BE PREPARED SPECIFY
THIS IN RESOLUTION ON ITEM IN UNAMBIGUOUS TERMS. HE CRITICIZED
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SCHEDULING OF LAST SESSION AD HOC COMITE, AND STATED COMITE

IN 1976 SHOULD BE SCHEDULED AT MORE PROPITIOUS TIME THAN "DOG DAYS OF AUGUST". HE PROPOSED WE REITERATE COMITE'S MANDATE TO ENUMERATE PROPOSALS TO GA WHICH HAD ATTRACTED PARTICULAR INTEREST. HE FELT CONFIDENT THAT 30TH GA WOULD ADOPT A RESOLUTION (BY LARGER MAJORITY THAN 29TH GA) WHICH WOULD RENEW COMITE'S MANDATE AND PROVIDE COMITE ADEQUATE FUNDING AND APPROPRIATE SCHEDULING UNTIL COMITE'S WORK IS COMPLETED.

3. BRAZILIAN DEL (SETTE CAMARA) VIEWED PAST SESSION OF AD HOC COMITE AS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON UP DATING THE CHARTER. HE BELIEVED RESULTS OF AD HOC COMITE WERE GOOD RESPONSE TO THOSE WHO FEARED COMITE (WHOSE MAJORITY FAVORED OPENLY TACKLING REVISION, DELETION, AND ADDITION TO CHARTER TO UPDATE IT) WOULD ENGAGE IN PRECIPITATE ACTION. SETTE CAMARA THOUGHT MEXICAN PROCEDURAL PROPOSAL (THAT THE AD HOC COMITE ESTABLISH TWO SUBCOMITES, ONE TO DEAL WITH CHARTER REVISION PROPOSALS, THE OTHER WITH PROPOSALS NOT REQUIRING REVISION) WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION. HE WELCOMED JOINT DISCUSSION OF AD HOC COMITE AND SOR, STATED HE WOULD COSPONSOR ANY RESOLUTION THAT PROLONGED COMITE WITH MANDATE ALONG BROAD LINES OF GA RESOLUTION 3349 (XXIX), REQUESTED GA AUTHORIZE SUMMARY RECORDS FOR COMITE, AND REQUESTED SYG PREPARE SUPPLEMENTAL ANALYTICAL REPORT FOR COMITE. HE VIEWED THIS STAGE OF EXAMINATION AS FIRST STRIDE OF VERY LONG JOURNEY WHICH COMITE ADVOCATES PLAN TO PURSUE WITH PATIENCE AND DETERMINATION.

4. SIERRA LEONE AND KUWAITI DELS STATED SUPPORT FOR AD HOC COMITE AND REVIEW OF CHARTER. KUWAITI DEL WAS PREPARED SUPPORT AMENDMENTS WHICH (A) WOULD MAKE IT MORE POSSIBLE CARRY OUT GA RESOLUTIONS; (B) WOULD ENCOURAGE RE COURSE TO INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE; AND (C) WOULD MAKE ARABIC LANGUAGE OF UN.

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